PRESIDENT.

You say that it should be made more public. Sometimes Deputy Superintendents of Police were chosen in Madras after advertisement. In such cases, competitive examinations are held and candidates are selected. What is the practice now?

Mr. SHEIK ABDUL QADIR SAHIB BAHADUR.

Applications are called for, candidates are seen by the select committee, and then selection is made.

DIWAN BAHADUR Dr. V. VERGHESE.

It is not so in all cases.

PRESIDENT.

I know, in the case of the Superintendent of Post Offices, one was selected for his high connections and respectable character. In the case of the appointment of the Right Hon'ble Srinivasa Sastri's son as Superintendent of Post Offices, I know he is only a graduate, and the selection was made without any publication. Anyhow, publication may be made hereafter.

Mr. K. T. MATHEW.

161. Will the Government be pleased to state

(a) when and how the candidates now selected for Vellore training came first to know of the appointments in the Police Department in store for them;

(b) whether they have submitted applications for selecting them, and if the answer is in the affirmative, when they did so;

(c) whether they have mentioned in their applications that any posts in the Police Department should be guaranteed to them after Vellore training;

(d) whether the Government has guaranteed to give (all or any of them) any appointments in the Police Department; if so, what posts, and for how many years;

(e) whether it has been the general policy of the Government to guarantee posts when the Government sends for training or higher studies those who have not been in service?

Mr. P. DAMODARA MENON.

(a) They came to know of their appointments by the orders of the Government regarding their selection, which were issued, in the case of Messrs. Mannadiar and Devassi, on 22nd September 1925, and in the case of Mr. Neelakandha Menon, on 24th October 1925.

(b) No.

(c) No answer is necessary in view of the answer to (b).

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(d) The member is referred to the Diwan's Proceedings referred to in the answer to question No. 11.

(e) There are no hard and fast rules in the matter.

Mr. K. T. MATHEW.

How did the Government come to know that they are prepared to go for Vellore training ? Was it particularly offered, or was this post thrust upon them ?

PRESIDENT.

The Diwan called them.

Mr. P. DAMODARA MENON.

They did not apply.

PRESIDENT.

I am responsible for the selection of Mr. Ankarath Mannadiar. An interview was specially called for this, and he agreed to it, but regarding the others I cannot say anything.

Mr. P. DAMODARA MENON.

Mr. Devassi was selected by Diwan Mr. Narayana Menon.

Mr. K. T. MATHEW.

That is, on application ?

Mr. A. B. SALEM.

The answer was given to me that there were no applications at all.

Mr. P. DAMODARA MENON.

No *written* applications.

Mr. K. T. MATHEW.

Were there no written applications for any posts in the department ?

Mr. P. DAMODARA MENON.

Formal applications were being considered.

Mr. K. T. MATHEW.

162. Will the Government be pleased to state

(a) the reason, if any, for recruiting people from outside the Police Department for high offices in the department;

(b) whether it is the opinion of the Government that Vellore training is a more important qualification than experience gained by service in the department for holding high offices in the department;

(c) whether there are no graduates in the Police Department qualified to undergo Vellore training;

(d) whether non-graduates having experience in the Police service cannot qualify themselves, after Vellore training, for

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